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**IMAGE DECODING METHOD** 

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action date November 18, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows: